

TURNING POINT INTEGROUP
Minutes for 10/19/2025

Opening: Serenity Prayer

Vision & Mission: Read by Lori

- Vision TPI: Invigorating our OA Community through Abstinence and Action
- Mission: Increase interest and participation in the meetings and activities of TPI and carry the message that long-term recovery is possible through abstinence and working the 12 steps.

Introductions:

Attendees: Martha, Ellen M. Ellen T. Colleen, Lori, Joyce H, Phil, Mara W.

Concept of the month: Martha presented Concept 10: Service responsibility is balanced by carefully defined service authority; therefore, duplication of efforts is avoided.

November meeting- Lori will share on Concept 11.

<https://oa.org/service-bodies/twelve-concepts/>

Approval of September Minutes: Minutes reviewed and corrections completed. Moved to accept the minutes by Martha and seconded by Mara W.

Emergency New Business:None

Policy concerning requests for funds

Martha reported that TPI doesn't have Policy and Procedure documents. Kerry provided Standing Rules for TPI. Region 5 has Policy and Procedures which state committees need to request funds within a timely manner for the Board to review the request and budget considerations.

Discussion: Writing Policy and Procedures may not be necessary/worth the time for TPI to develop. Phil asked if there is a "funding request" maximum amount of money. Mara responded TPI has limited new meeting start-up to \$50.00 in the past.

Plan: Martha will write a sentence to add to the Standing Rules for committees to request funds.

Reports:

Chair Report: Colleen- no new news to report

Corresponding Secretary Report: Ellen T. is assisting with oaperson12 email checking e-mails for TPI to respond more timely. The September updated Meeting list has been posted on the website.

TPI Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89729520791?pwd=cnBLV01sbEI5Zk5KTkE3SDBCNUZVZz09>

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Treasurer's Report: Mara

Retreat Collections are coming in. Donations for Retreat Scholarships are coming in.

501©3 expenses have started. Budget is on-track 4 months into this year's budget.

Incorporation of TPI: Mara is working on TPI becoming a non-profit agency. Filed article of incorporation with the State of IL and it has been approved.

Filed EIN (employee identification number) under name: Turning Point Intergroup of Northern Illinois. The EIN can be put on the website, so we don't need to use a fellow's social security number. We are currently waiting for the IRS to approve our non-profit status. We cannot take credit card payments for any reason until TPI is approved as a company.

TPI is in the process of achieving 501C3 status within the State of Illinois.

Does TPI want to provide receipts/letters to donors for tax purposes. This needs to be discussed due to donations being anonymous and specific traditions of OA. Fellows could use their cancelled checks if they want to claim a contribution as a donation.

Commented [CB1]: This was discussed. It was agreed that we will not provide receipts to donors.

Website Committee Report: Colleen

Marathon Committee Report: Heidi

Upcoming Events:

Retreat: Living Abstinently
Fri, Jan 30 - Sun, Feb 1, 2026

Adjourn with the Serenity Prayer

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